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Policy Brief

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**Fiscal Year 2001 VA/HUD Appropriations
Analysis & Review**

By the Numbers:

<i>Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars</i>				
	<u>FY '00</u>	<u>FY '01 Request</u>	<u>FY '01 Committee Report</u>	
Current Year*:	71,571	83,013	76,485	
Advanced Funds:	4,200	4,200	4,200	
Funds from Prior Years:	0	4,200	4,200	
Net Increase in Advances:	4,200	0	0	
The Committee provides a \$4.914 billion or 6.9% increase in current year funding.				
However, \$4.2 billion of that increase was provided in last year's bill as advanced funding. Once the advanced funding is accounted for, the Committee provides a \$714 million or 1% increase.* The Committee freezes advanced funding at \$4.2 billion.				
*The bill includes \$1.832 billion in offsets derived from altering certain VA payment dates. These one-time offsets were anticipated in the Budget Resolution. Excluding these one-time offsets and accounting for the advanced funding increase, the bill provides a \$2.5 billion or 3.5% increase.				
House 302(b): \$76,194				
Senate 302(b): \$77,800				

FISCAL MATTERS:

Emergency Funding: The bill provides \$300 million in Fiscal Year 2001 emergency funds for FEMA. Typically the first \$300 million in FEMA funding is non-emergency. In fact, the current baseline assumes \$300 million in non-emergency FEMA money. Declaring these funds an emergency permitted the Committee to spend an additional \$300 million on other programs. **Under an agreement reached with Leadership, CATs will strike the emergency designation for these funds, thus forcing the Committee to offset the funds in other bills.**

FUNDING OF NOTE:

	FY 2000	Request	FY 2001	% Change Over Last Year
Veterans Benefit Administration	\$23,555	\$24,754	\$24,779	5.2%
VA Medical Care	\$19,006	\$20,282	\$20,282	6.7%
Medical & Prosthetic Research	\$321	\$321	\$321	0%
VA General Operating Expenses	\$913	\$1,062	\$1,006	10.2%
Grants for State Extended Care Facilities	\$90	\$60	\$60	-33.3%
Housing Certificate Fund	\$11,377	\$14,128	\$13,275	16.7%
Drug Elimination Grants for Low-Income Housing	\$310	\$345	\$300	-3.3%
HOPE VI	\$575	\$625	\$565	-1.7%
Community development Block Grants	\$4,800	\$4,900	\$4,505	-6.1%
Brownfields	\$25	\$50	\$20	-20.0%
HUD Salaries and Expenses	\$477	\$565	\$476	0.2%
Community Development Financial Institutions	\$95	\$125	\$105	10.5%
AmeriCorps	\$355	\$534	\$0	-100%
EPA Science & Technology	\$683	\$710	\$685	0.3%
EPA Environmental Programs & Management	\$1,900	\$2,099	\$1,900	0%
Superfund	\$1,221	\$1,290	\$1,224	0.2%
State & Tribal Assistance Grants	\$3,467	\$2,907	\$3,177	-8.3%
Council on Environmental Quality	\$2,827	\$3,020	\$2,9	2.5%
NASA	\$13,653	\$14,035	\$13,714	0.4%
National Science Foundation	\$3,912	\$4,572	\$4,064	3.9%
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	\$75	\$90	\$90	20%

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF NOTE:

Community Builders: The bill terminates the Community Builders program under HUD effective October 1, 2000.

TMDL: The bill prohibits funds from being used to make a final determination on or implement any rule regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads.

Pesticide Tolerance Fees: The bill prohibits funds from being used to implement changes in the payment of pesticide tolerance processing fees.

Air Force & NASA: The bill prohibits funds from being used to support joint research programs between the Air Force and NASA.

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